To become fully human means learning to turn my gratitude for being alive into some concrete common good. It means growing gentler toward human weakness. It means practicing forgiveness of my and everyone else’s hourly failures to live up to divine standards. It means receiving the human condition as blessing and not curse, in all its achingly frail and redemptive reality.

- Barbara Brown Taylor, from *An Altar in the World*

Fifth Sunday of Easter  |  May 10, 2020  |  10 a.m.
Welcome

House of Hope welcomes all who are worshipping online.
Our caring and active community welcomes you.
We extend the hospitality of Christ to all.

Our Livestreamed Worship will take place at 10 a.m

Live broadcasts and audio versions of worship services are available at hohchurch.org. Copies of past sermons are also available online.

The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle, lighted each day as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayers for peace in the world.

If you would like a pastor to call you, or if you are ill at home, please call the church office at (651) 227-6311, to let us know. If you know someone else in the congregation who could benefit from a call, please contact the church.

House of Hope Parents on Facebook
Join us on Facebook! Send a request to the “House of Hope Parents” Facebook page. This closed group is a great way to receive announcements. As COVID-19 stretches our creative imagination we will develop a stronger presence on Facebook, including story time videos and family resources.

Children & Family Ministry on Zoom
While we cannot be in-person with one another on Sundays, we would love to continue to be in community together. Please join our Children & Family Ministry Worship on Zoom at 11:15 a.m. on Sundays.

Join Kiera and Sofia to share your highs and lows of the week and engage in a brief liturgy. Check the “House of Hope Parents” page or email Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org for more information.
THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude
Chorale Prelude on “Lobe Den Herrn”
Aaron David Miller, Organ

Welcome and Announcements
Julia A. Carlson

Pastor Nominating Committee Announcement
Lisa Yost

Call to Worship
We come before God not only as individuals;
we are here as members of the community of faith.
We gather in the name of Christ, the living stone, rejected by the world,
but chosen and precious in God’s sight.
We respond to Christ’s call and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God’s presence on earth.
Let us worship and celebrate, renewing our faith, for God’s Spirit upholds us through this time of fear.
We have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Let us worship God!

Hymn
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Lauda anima

Prayer of Confession
Wise and powerful God, in raising Jesus Christ you set loose great energy,
creating a new people who shared common life, witness, prayer, and belongings.
Yet we confess that often we fear risking ourselves and our goods
in creating the beloved community you call us to be.
This is a time of many fears. Forgive us our lack of love and trust, and have mercy upon us.
Wash over us and seep into us to refresh and to cleanse.
Dissolve the prejudices that cling to us, the jealousies that we harbor, and the fears that beset us.
When we are rock-rigid in our views and when we are unforgiving as granite, soften our hearts.
Let us hear the thunderous sound of Good News as it breaks upon our hardness of heart.
Give us new energy to build community, peace, and justice on earth, to your glory.
**Words of Assurance — I Peter 2:9-10**

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people. Once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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**First Lesson**

Psalm 31:1-8

**Minister:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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**Solo**

*Jesus Christus, Gottes Sohn, from Christ lag in Todes Banden, BWV 4*  
J. S. Bach

Timothy Bruett, Soloist

Jesus Christus, Gottes Sohn,  
An unser Statt ist kommen,  
Und hat die Sünde weggetan,  
Damit dem Tod genommen  
All sein Recht und sein Gewalt,  
Da bleibt nichts denn Tods Gestalt,  
Den Stach’l hat er verloren.  
Halleluja!

**Jesus Christ, God’s son,**  
**has come in our place,**  
**and has done away with sin**  
**thereby taking from death**  
**all his rights and power,**  
**nothing remains but death’s form;**  
**he has lost his sting.**  
**Hallelujah!**

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**Second Lesson**

I Peter 2:4-10

**Minister:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.
THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Westminster Abbey

Affirmation of Faith — from A Brief Statement of Faith

Zachary O. Wilson

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

New Babies and Baptism Recognition

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.
Offering - Three ways to give:

- **Text Giving.**
  The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift.

- **Website.**
  On the homepage, click “Giving at House of Hope” at the top or “Donate” at the bottom, then click the “Donate Now button”, and follow the prompts. Members can also sign into MyHOH to give.

- **Mail.**
  Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105

**Offertory Music**

**Hymn**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*  
CWM Rhondda

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Carillon Postlude**  
David W. Johnson, carillonneur

**New Babies and Baptisms:**

Hayden Hanson baptized November 17, 2019 (Son of Carol and Tomm Hanson)
Isabelle Schultz baptized December 29, 2019 (Daughter of Lauren and Christopher Schultz)
Eva Douglass baptized March 15, 2020 (Daughter of Julia and John Douglass)
Owen MacKenzie born November 6, 2019 (Son of Kristina & Ben MacKenzie)
Elsie Camozzi born April 15, 2020 (Daughter of Liz & Jeff Camozzi)
Josie Zwier born April 21, 2020 (Daughter of Sarah & John Zwier)
1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
   Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows; In His hands He gently bears us,
   Angels, help us to adore Him: Ye behold Him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before Him,

2. Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people evermore His praises sing: Alleluia! Slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia!
   Praise Him still the same as ever, Rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Dwellers all in time and space. Alleluia!

3. Ever more His praises sing: Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.
   Glorious in His faithfulness. Alleluia! Wide ly yet His mercy flows.
   Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

7th century, Latin  
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972  
Henry Purcell (1659–1695), adapt.

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and corner stone,
   Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one;
   Holy Zion's help forever, And our confidence alone.

2. To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
   With Your wonted loving-kindness Hear Your people as they pray,
   And Your fullest benediction Shed within its walls alway.

3. Here bestow on all Your servants What they ask of You to gain,
   What they gain from You for ever With the blessed to retain,
   And hereafter in Your glory Evermore with You to reign.

4. Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
   Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
   One in might and one in glory While unending ages run.
1. God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power;
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
Crown Thine ancient church's story;
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour.

3. Cure Thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to Thy control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days.

4. Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be Armored with all Christ-like graces,
Pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

5. Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore; Serve us wisdom, serve us courage,
Let the gift of Thy salvation Let the gift of Thy salvation Serving Thee whom we adore,
Be our glory evermore. Serve Thee whom we adore.
In Memoriam


“If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” - Romans 14:8

Congregational Meeting Notice

The Session has called a virtual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 11:15 a.m. for the purpose of calling a Pastor/Head of Staff according to the terms as approved by the Session and the Committee on Ministry. This meeting is considered “irregular” as the congregation is unable to meet in person at this time. Instructions and further information will be sent to you about how to access this meeting. Only HOH members are permitted to vote.

About our Guest Preacher today:

Rev. Dixie Brachlow is retired pastor emerita of the PC(USA) living in St. Paul, Minnesota. She and her husband Stephen grew up in the Twin Cities, but left for forty years as they worked and raised a family in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and in Richmond, Virginia. They are grandparents to three great kids in the House of Hope family. She is active in the Presbytery’s Mission and Witness, co-chairs the Disabilities Concerns Ministry, and helps to lead House of Hope’s Stephen Ministry.